To: Governor From: Buddy B. Re: Toyota plant

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Bert Mohr w/the AP here in Jackson is working on a story about the Toyota plant in Mississippi and wonders if you'd like to comment today on these questions:

Toyota says even if they give the green light today it could be two years before a car rolls off the line in Mississippi because machinery has to installed and workers hired and trained.

- Has the delay in production been a disappointment for you?
- Have you been given any timeline on when the plant will produce cars?

Toyota says the recall won't have any effect on the Blue Springs Plant. But, Toyota also says the plant is not open because of excess capacity on the market.

- If the recall hurts sales, and the capacity remains on the market, isn't it conceivable that would further delay the opening of the plant?
- How do you think Toyota has handled the recalls?